THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of India during the current financial year shall be organising National level Expos at Patna, Calcutta and Cochin where the wool producing States shall also be participating for display and sale of their products.

Smuggling of coal from the coalfields in Bihar

*114. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal worth several lakhs or rupees is being smuggled out daily from the coalfields of Dhanbad, Giridih, Hazaribagh and several other towns in the Chotanagpur region of Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have recently issued directives to the Bihar Government to launch operations against hoodlums responsible for smuggling of coal; and

(c) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Government have no such information.

(b) and (c) Effective steps in cooperation with the State Government authorities are being taken for quite some time now to check theft/pilferage of coal. These steps, *inter-alia*, are:

(1) Carrying out surprise checks;

(2) Detection through Flying Squads consisting of Police, Watch and Ward and Central Industrial Security Force personnel;

(3) Cancellation of licences of private coal depots, within a radius of 8 Kms. by District Authorities.

Premium collected by LIC during 1984-85

*115. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of gross premium collected by the Life Insurance Corporation during the year 1984-85;

(b) what amount was paid against the claims which matured in respect of those insured by the various units of the Corporation during the above period;

(c) what was the amount invested by the Corporation during the period under different heads; and

(d) what are the gross and net profits earned by the Corporation during the said year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total amount of premium income of the LIC during the year 1984-85 is estimated to be Rs. 1540.00 crores.

(b) During the year 1984-85, claims paid by LIC by way of maturity are estimated to be at Rs. 490.32 crores.

(c) The gross investments of the LIC during 1984-85 under different heads are estimated to be Rs. 1540.85 crores, as per details given below:—

(In lakhs of Rupees)

Description of investments	Gross investments during 1984—85
1	2
(i) Central Government Securities . . .	454,26·17
(ii) State Government Securities	110,05·20